



Lois Lewis from K mart 4434, Clinton, Iowa.

## Lois Lewis resides over Clinton Eastern Star

Receiving clerk Lois Lewis at K mart 4434, Clinton, Iowa, was recently installed as President of Eastern Star of Clinton, Iowa. She has been employed at 4434 since May 1971.

The order of Eastern Star is an international order, designed for Master Masons and female relatives of Master Masons. It is the largest fraternal organization in the world to which both men and women belong. It is not a religion, but rather a way of life to further supplement the religion one adheres to.

Store Reporter Sandra Aldridge

## Lou Piccolo wins pharmacy award

**K mart 7693**, Omaha, Nebraska is proud to announce that Pharmacist Louis Piccolo will be receiving the 1983 Alumni Merit Award for the School of Pharmacy.

Lou, better known as the "Lolly Pop Man" to his younger generation customers, is a past member of the Board of Directors of Greater Omaha Pharmacists' Association and the Nebraska Pharmaceutical Association. He was the first pharmacist to serve on the Board of Directors of the Health Planning Council of the Midlands and he was named pharmacist of the year in 1980 by the Greater Omaha Pharmacists Association.

Lou is a great asset to the organization and customers enjoy his warm personality and his eagerness to please.

Store Reporter Gae Cooper

## World War II tales

Jack Faulkner, lift driver at Georgia Distribution Center, Shenandoah, Georgia, was born in 1918 and lived through a period of history that was before the time of more than three quarters of the work force at GEO.

During World War II, Jack served in the Navy aboard a destroyer. "A lot of the people I talk to react to my stories as though they were fiction. They find some of the things hard to believe. I have had experiences that many people will never encounter."

"I served in both the European-African and Asiatic-Pacific Theaters of the war. Our ship was hit by a Japanese suicide plane (Kamikaze) on December 6, 1944 at Omcoc Bay, Philippines, killing 37 and wounding 43. Luckily I made it. After 39 years this is as fresh in my mind as if it had happened yesterday. Guess I'll never forget it."

"After the war, I was on my way home for

discharge and was in a train wreck in Minnesota. My luck again held, and I only received a few scratches. I truly believe with the help of the Lord I have led a charmed life.

"After being discharged from the Navy, I went home, but couldn't seem to fully adjust to civilian life, so I re-enlisted. I spent two years at Subic Bay, Philippines. During this tour of duty I was the Road Manager for the Navy Baseball Team. The team won the Pacific Fleet Finals.

"While I was in the Philippines, I helped to do the survey work for a Navy golf course. The course was laid out in the middle of a dense jungle. We had to be on the alert for big snakes, wild boar and other jungle animals. The jungle was so thick that we used compasses to plot the course, and to mark where the jungle was to be cleared we hung sheets in the trees. I went home before the course was completed so I never got to play on it or even see it after it was finished. I spent 10½ years in the Navy all together.

"After my discharge, I returned home to Griffin, Georgia. It was at this time that I met and married my wife Frances.

"When I first went to work in 1959 in the mill my wage for a 40 hour week was \$9.80. Wages have come a long way since then.

"I came to work for K mart because I had heard so many good things about the company. I have never regretted coming to work here.

"My advice to the young employees at GEO is to stick with your company . . . it sure is a good one to work for.

"If I had to list the most memorable events of my life, I'd have to say the day the Kamikaze pilot dove into my ship and the night my son was born."

Store Reporter Jerry Hetrick



Jack Faulkner, Georgia Distribution Center.

## It's no joke that Red Skelton shops K mart

K mart 3573, Ft. Myers, Florida, recently had a "code red," a welcome code red, that is. Red Skelton was in Ft. Myers as guest of the Thomas Edison Parade. When he stopped in 3573, he visited with customers and employees, signing autographs and telling jokes.

He is still in his youth as far as entertaining goes.

The store greeter Ellen Blake spoke to Mr. Skelton and he commented that he likes to shop K mart because of the quality merchandise and friendly service. Mrs. Blake is originally from near his home town of Vincennes, Indiana.

Jeff Parsons, Store Manager, commented that it was truly an honor that Mr. Skelton chose this store to do his shopping.

Red Skelton also visited K mart 3242 in

Lakeland, Florida where he was scheduled to give a performance at the Lakeland Civic Center.

Store Reporter Ellen Blair



Red Skelton visits K mart 3573, Ft. Myers, Florida.

## Don't touch that dial

Pat Gamboa, employee at K mart 3127, Temple City, California had a special day recently when a reporter from KRLA radio came into the store and asked the service desk who owned a White Ford Fairmont.

After paging and searching it was narrowed down to Pat. The radio station was having a give-away. All that was necessary to win was to have your dial set to their station and put a bumper sticker on your car with the logo on it.

Pat came out of the office with a surprised look on her face when she saw the reporter with microphones and a recorder.

They walked to her car. The reporter turned the car and the radio on to see if it was set at KRLA, and he found it was. He gave her a \$100 bill and an interview on the radio the followed the next day.

Store Reporter Jay S. Wood

## Mary De La Pena crowned Miss Vista

Mary De La Pena, fashion accessories at K mart 7151, Vista, California was crowned Miss Vista of 1983 recently.

Mary is a 20-year-old sophomore majoring in business at Palomar College. She was selected from a field of 23 contestants.

Mary will receive over \$800 in prizes and scholarships and will represent the city of Vista throughout 1983. She will also be entered in the prestigious "Fair of the Fair" competition this summer at the Southern California Exposition in Del Mar, California.

Store Reporter Jean Baranek



Mary De La Pena, K mart 7151, Vista, California.